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SUBJECT: SYRIAN MEDIA SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 10

1. SYRIAN MEDIA GAVE PROMINENCE TO RIYADH FOREIGN
MINISTERS' MEETINGS BETWEEN CONFRONTATION STATES AND
THEIR FINANCIAL BACKERS. TISHRIIN BANNERED: "RIYADH
MEETING ORGANIZES ARAB ASSISTANCE FOR CONFRONTATION
STATES. EGYPT DELEGATES SYRIA TO SPEAK IN ITS NAME."
ARTICLE PROUDLY STATED FAHMI AUTHORIZED KHADDAM TO SPEAK
FOR EGYPT AFTER SHORT MEETING BETWEEN THEM PRIOR TO
OPENING OF CONFERENCE. "OBSERVERS" QUOTED IN ARTICLE
TO EFFECT THAT FRONT-LINE ARAB STATES WHICH "SACRIFICED
AND OFFERED MANY MARTYRS" WERE ENTITLED TO HAVE COMPLETE
SUPPORT OF ARAB AID DONORS.

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2. VIRTUALLY ALL EDITORIALS POINTEDLY DEALT WITH
THEME OF ARAB SOLIDARITY AND SACRIFICES WHICH "CONFRON-
TATION STATES" HAD MADE ON BEHALF OF ENTIRE ARAB NATION.
EDITORIAL IN AL-BAATH HARKED BACK TO "SUCCESSES" OF
OCTOBER WAR AND DREW CONCLUSION THAT ARABS PROVED THE
MORE AID AVAILABLE TO THEM, THE BETTER THEIR CAPACITY

FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION. EDITORIAL HOPEFULLY CONCLUDED WITH ASSERTION THAT JUST AS IN OCTOBER WAR, THE ARABS WILL NOT HESITATE TO FULFILL THEIR DUTY TO SUPPORT THE CONFRONTATION STATES. EDITORIAL IN TISHRIIN MADE CASE LESS SUBTLY, POINTING OUT THAT FRONT-LINE ARAB STATES DEPRIVE THEMSELVES OF MANY NECESSITIES AND DECLARING THAT "RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAGING ARAB BATTLE IS A GENERAL ARAB ONE." COLUMNIST CITED LARGE AMOUNT OF OUTSIDE AID SUSTAINING ISRAEL TO MAKE CASE THAT CONFRONTATION STATES NEED INCREASED ASSISTANCE. EDITORIAL ASSERTED THAT ARABS, IF THEY USED "REASONABLE PART" OF THEIR WEALTH AND POTENTIAL, COULD CHANGE ME BALANCE OF POWER TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

COMMENT: RIYADH MEETING AND EDITORIALS CONCERNING IT DID NOT LEAVE ROOM FOR NOW PERFUNCTORY DAILY SWIPE AT IRAQI GOVERNMENT.

3. PROMINENCE ALSO GIVEN TO ENTRY ADF FORCES INTO THE SHOUF REGION OF LEBANON. SAME ARTICLE REPORTED STATEMENT BY NASSERITE LEBANESE LEADER, KAMAL SHATILA, THAT LEBANESE NATIONAL AND PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD ENTERED INTO TALKS WITH THE PHALANGE TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE AND SAFEGUARD LEBANON'S UNITY.

4. MEDIA REPORTED ARREST OF ABU DAUD AND PROTEST OF SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY AT FRENCH DETENTION OF MEMBER OF OFFICIAL PLO DELEGATION. ARTICLE PRINTED DENIAL OF PLO PERMREP AT U.S. OF FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN ACCUSATIONS THAT ABU DAUD HAD PARTICIPATED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN MUNCH "INCIDENT." RESPONSIBLE PALESTINIAN SOURCE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN PLO AND TOP LEADERS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO SECURE HIS RELEASE.
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